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MEMORANDUM FOR U - MR. WEBB

SUBJECT: Plans for New PSB

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On Tuesday, May 8, a meeting was called by General Smith in CIA to discuss plans for the new PSB. This meeting was attended by Mr. Dulles, Admiral Stevens, General Magruder, [REDACTED] and myself. Minutes of the meeting are being prepared by CIA and a copy will be sent to your office in case you would like to look at them.

No firm recommendations were made as to the substantive problems which the Board should attack. General Smith expressed the opinion, however, that the PSB should have as one of its functions taking high policy from NSC and other sources and translating this into psychological warfare objectives. Admiral Stevens felt that the Board should concern itself largely with use of psychological warfare in the cold war and General Smith believes it might constitute a "general staff" for the cold war.

At the end of the meeting General Smith requested that each agency concerned designate two men to draft recommendations for the consideration of the Board members. This working group is to address itself to the following questions:

1. What kind of a staff will the Board need?
2. How should this staff proceed?
3. What mechanisms are presently available which could be used for the conduct of the Board's business?
4. What should be the initial program of the Board?

I have asked Mr. Crutcher from Mr. Humelsone's office and Mr. Davison, Executive Secretary of the PCB, to represent the Department on this working group. They have been instructed to keep in close touch with your office.

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